

*****July 13, 2021*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a Special Called meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Vicki Anderson
Councilmember Andrew Gardner
Councilmember Dan Landrum

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
Special Proj. & Compliance Manager Sam Guin
See attached list for others present

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

Dick Graham, James Boulevard, spoke as a member of the Signal Mountain Elementary Preservation Fund (SMEPF) Board. Mr. Graham spoke in favor of the proposed Lease and MOA between the SMEPF and the Town (copy of comments attached).

Annie Hall, Highdown Court, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Amy Morgan, James Boulevard, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Mary Hendricks, Mt. Orchard Path, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Dennis Parker, Hidden Brook Lane, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Peggy Douglas, Waldens Edge Way, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Andee Bock, Kell Road, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Carson Bock, Kell Road, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Rick Saputa, Primrose Way, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Amanda Mull, Rock Crest Lane, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

John Harr, Hidden Brook Lane, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Tim Forsyth, Holl Road, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Morgan Rose, S. Palisades Drive, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Courtney Malone, Skyline Park Drive, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Anne Rittenberry, Crown Point W., spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Chip Hancock, East Ridge, spoke as a client of SMEPF, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Annabelle Ayers, spoke as a client of SMEPF, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Nathan Bell, Signal Drive, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Deborah Neighbors, Rockcrest Drive, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Brian Wolfe, Kentucky Avenue, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Ellis Gardner, Stratford Way, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Alexia Apablaza, Valewood Drive, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Anne Roza, Sawyer Road, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Margaret Cook, James Boulevard, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Jim Webster, Signal Mountain Boulevard, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

Anne Haygood, James Boulevard, spoke in favor of the lease with the SMEPF.

There being no further requests, the meeting proceeded.

Discussion

Lease and MOA with SMEPF

There was extensive discussion regarding the Mountain Arts Community Center (MACC) and the SMEPF operations. Discussions included the need for multi-year leasing to allow the SMEPF to better qualify for grants and outside funding, the large resident support for the SMEPF, the need for long-term planning, etc. Councilmember Landrum informed the Council that his wife is currently the President of the SMEPF.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AND THE SME PRESERVATION FUND, FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD."

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion.

Councilmember Anderson amended the motion to insert, in the Lease, "subject to availability" on page 3, paragraph 8, line 9, after Premises. In addition, in the MOA, insert and replace the rest of the sentence with "may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other party." on page 3, last sentence, after Agreement. Councilmember Landrum seconded the amended motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved as amended, with four members in favor, and Councilmember Gardner opposed.

Council waived all remaining agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.



Charles Poss, Mayor



Recorder